

Know Your Traffic Laws

Prepared in Cooperation With the
Torrance Police Department

Traffic Box Score (As of May 1)*

Fatalities	6
Injury Accidents	166
Persons Injured	253
Non-Injury Accidents	214

Box score of all accident investigated by
Torrance Police Department since Jan. 1, 1961

Now that most of our children are out of school on summer vacation this will mean added hazards on our streets in the form of bicycle riders and pedestrians. If we are to make this a safe and sane summer, each and every one of us must make it a point to be particularly alert, always looking for the hazard and being able to act before the accident occurs. Those of us that drive are well aware that driving is becoming more and more of a challenge every day due to the increased number of vehicles on our streets.

Now that summer time is here the challenge becomes even greater. If we are to make this a safe and sane summer each and every one of us must make it a point to use the greatest caution while driving, and also while walking as pedestrians. If each of us does our part there is no reason this summer can't be safe and sane. Below are some safety tips based on accident investigations that we hope will be of help to you and assist you:

DRIVERS

1. Drive according to the posted speed limit, always reducing speed if necessary, for conditions. Drive with the normal traffic flow. Don't drive too slow or to the point where you interfere with the normal traffic flow and impede traffic.
2. Yield the right of way when turning or entering a main street or highway. If in doubt give the driver of the other vehicle the benefit of the doubt.
3. Obey all traffic signs such as boulevard stop

signs, electric signals, flashing red lights, and the many other regulatory signs.

4. Don't follow the car in front of you at an unsafe distance and when changing lanes or turning give a signal by arm or directional signal.
5. Stay alert at all times watching for the unexpected. Be the master of your car and at all times in full control.

PEDESTRIANS

1. When crossing a street, cross only at intersections using the crosswalk. Don't loaf when crossing but cross as fast as possible.
2. Try and start across the street when traffic is some distance from where you plan on crossing. Don't just step off the curb in front of traffic but allow a little distance between yourself and the cars before attempting to cross the street.
3. Never cross a street against a red light even if it appears safe to do. Wait for the green light.
4. Treat the driving public with the same respect as you as a pedestrian wish to be treated.

IT WOULD be an impossibility to put onto paper everything that could be done to prevent accidents but it is hoped that the above will serve as a guide. The above tips are just a few causes of accidents and certainly they will not eliminate accidents but if all the above would be adhered to, many accidents would be avoided.

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